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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

PERSSON et al.

Serial No.: 08/844,215

Art Unit: 1643

Filing Date: April 17, 1997

Examiner: M. Zeman

Title: HUMAN MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES SPECIFIC FOR HEPATITIS
C VIRUS (HCV) E2 ANTIGEN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This application is a continuing prosecution application of U.S. Application Serial No. 08,844,215. All claims were finally rejected in an Office Action dated May 17, 2001. Applicants responded to the Office Action on October 17, 2001 and received an Advisory Action dated February 11, 2002. This preliminary amendment is submitted to address the assertions made in the Advisory Action. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Accompanying Documents

Accompanying this response are the following documents:

- (1) Marked-up copy of the claims, showing the amendments made herein;
- (2) Currently pending claim set, incorporating the amendments made herein.